



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0004**

Introduced , by Rep. Mark Batinick

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Constitutional Revision Article of the Illinois Constitution. Removes the limitation that amendments proposed by petition initiative be limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in Article IV. Reduces the number of signatures required to place a petition initiative on the ballot from eight percent of total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election to five percent. Provides that, if the petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors at that general election and shall become effective if approved by three-fifths of those voting on the amendment.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the  
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general  
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article XIV of the  
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

10 ARTICLE XIV  
11 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

12 (ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 3)  
13 SECTION 3. CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE ~~FOR LEGISLATIVE ARTICLE~~  
14 Amendments to ~~Article IV of~~ this Constitution may be  
15 proposed by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in  
16 number to at least five ~~eight~~ percent of the total votes cast  
17 for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial  
18 election. ~~Amendments shall be limited to structural and~~  
19 ~~procedural subjects contained in Article IV.~~ A petition shall  
20 contain the text of the proposed amendment and the date of the  
21 general election at which the proposed amendment is to be  
22 submitted, shall have been signed by the petitioning electors  
23 not more than twenty-four months preceding that general

1 election and shall be filed with the Secretary of State at  
2 least six months before that general election. The procedure  
3 for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition  
4 shall be provided by law. If the petition is valid and  
5 sufficient, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the  
6 electors at that general election and shall become effective if  
7 approved by ~~either~~ three-fifths of those voting on the  
8 amendment ~~or a majority of those voting in the election.~~

9 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

10 SCHEDULE

11 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
12 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
13 Constitutional Amendment Act.